COVID-19 State Workforce Vaccination FAQs Updated 4/09/21

Is the COVID-19 vaccination mandatory for state employees?

- No, the COVID-19 vaccination is not mandatory, but strongly encouraged.
- Because the vaccine not only helps protect vaccinated individuals but the people around them (e.g., family, friends, coworkers, etc.), everyone eligible is encouraged to get it.
- For all the facts about the vaccine, including details on popular rumors, go to
 http://www.mostopscovid.com/facts. At the bottom of the webpage, you'll also find a link to
 ask any questions you have about the vaccines. You are also encouraged to contact a healthcare
 provider or your local public health agency to discuss any concerns about the COVID-19 vaccine.
- For more information on the vaccines, please see <u>this presentation by Dr. Kimberly Thomas</u> and <u>Dr. Bill Powderly</u> of Washington University in St. Louis. Also <u>get the facts</u> at the state's vaccine website.

Who can get vaccinated?

As of April 9, 2021, all adults in Missouri are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccination.

How can state employees get their vaccinations?

As your employer, there are two State of Missouri vaccination delivery channels we hope you will take advantage of as soon as possible:

- 1. Regional DMAT events are held throughout the state on a regular basis.
 - Appointments for all locations can be made here: https://spexternal.modot.mo.gov/sitepages/vaccination.aspx
 - Check back often for additional events
- 2. The *Strive for Wellness* clinic in the Truman building in Jefferson City has appointments on a daily basis.
 - Appointments can be made here when you log into your account: https://my.mchcp.org/login.aspx
 - Eligible team members must be an enrolled subscriber in a MCHCP medical plan through Anthem.

Can I go to my health care provider and get vaccinated instead of attending an event?

Yes, you are welcome to contact a healthcare provider or your local public health agency to begin the vaccination process. You can also access the vaccination map and/or Missouri Vaccine Navigator for additional help. As vaccine supplies increase, this map will be updated with the most current listing of vaccination sites. If you are a veteran, consider scheduling your vaccination through the Veterans Administration healthcare system.

Other Key Messages:

- Continue the basic three steps to protecting yourself: Wear a mask, maintain physical distance and wash your hands thoroughly and often.
- The best source of the most current information is MOStopscovid.com.